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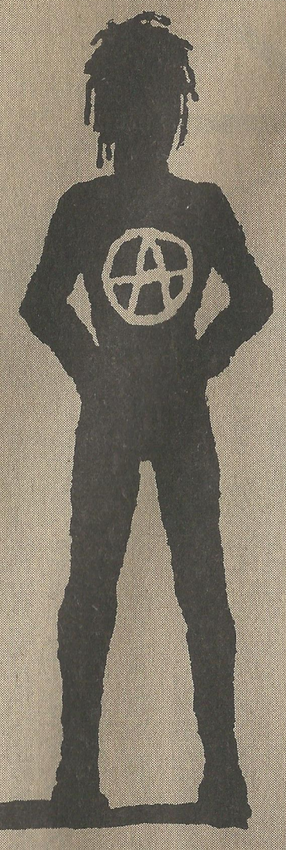


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## editorial

Greetings and welcome once again to yet another issue of Reality Now. This spring issue is unfortunately later than was planned, but hopefully the wait is worth the increase in both the production and quality. Because of the change in format and increased circulation there wasn't the time or the money to put out the poetry booklet that was mentioned in the last issue. However instead there is a poetry poster in the middle of this issue.

Once again many thanx are sent out to Bulldozer for their generous help and support. Bulldozer is an excellent prisoner's magazine that should not be missed. Their new issue, number 8 is now available. Contact them by writing, Bulldozer P.O. Box 5052 Station A, Toronto Ontario, Canada, M5W 1W4.

Please note yet once again our new address. This will be our permanent address, and we'd like to thank the Ken Deyarmond Defence Group for giving it to us. Hopefully they won't be needing it anymore.

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# THE METIS RESISTANCE

## PART 1; Gabriel Dumont

This is the first part of two articles on the Métis resistance movement of yesteryear. On November 15, 1885, exactly 100 years ago this year, Louis Riel was hung in a Regina prison for having been found guilty of treason. The total mis-carriage of justice in this case, and the struggle that the Métis people fought, cannot be forgotten. Part 1, which is printed here, deals mostly with Gabriel Dumont. The lifestyle of the Métis, as well as the events that led up to the Red River rebellion, give a clear picture as to the reasons why this had happened, all of which are covered here. Part 2 will deal mostly with Louis Riel, and the rebellions at Duck Lake and Batoche. These battles are very much necessary to understand the events that led up to his trial, and execution.

Gabriel Dumont is probably most well known for his part in the North West Rebellion. He showed bravery and courage in his struggles, and dedication towards the Métis people that would be hard to match. His memory will live on as long as there is a sense of justice among people in regard to taking back what is rightfully yours (in this case land), and defending your right with your life. Struggles of this nature still go on today, in the city, in the country, and in the jails.

Indians, Métis and white people alike, all people of this planet have the right to their own autonomy. The right to live in peace and to protect the earth from madmen crazed with money and power, it is a right we have before any law. Gabriel Dumont and the Métis people fought against this type of man, one who wants everything from everyone, and no price is too high for his cause. This social disease is the black death of today's society, and must be resisted like as was done at the North West Rebellion. The Rebellion represents the spirit of freedom, and when being pushed too far it is then the time for the fight, the final fight of victory that will free all people from oppression. The evils of the past will just be memories, and the earth with the people will live, and live without fear that the past would rise again. The time is now.

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*Gabriel Dumont commanded the Métis forces during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885.*

Gabriel Dumont settled beside Red River at St. Boniface around 1837. He spoke six Indian languages and French but only a few words of English, otherwise, he could neither read nor write. In the days of his youth he, like the other Métis boys, mastered his skills in shooting and hunting, later on in his life this would have great importance.

In 1847 he lived in Saskatchewan at Fort Pitt, where the life style was buffalo hunting and fur trading in the summer. As well, the common lifestyle was very nomadic, travelling to where food was most plentiful. Winter life was hunting close to camp because the conditions were too cold to travel far.

When the great small pox epidemic of 1858 hit, many Métis fled to try and avoid sickness, Gabriel and family went to the Saskatchewan valley where his mother died probably from tuberculosis. After his mother's death he married Madeleine Wilkie, the daughter of the chief of many buffalo hunts. She would accompany him on many hunts at Red River where they returned to live, hunt and trade.

The Métis and the Cree had always lived in relative harmony, but the Sioux had been hostile. In 1862 the Sioux chiefs felt the effects of the Yanks who were threatening their tribe, and decided it was time for peace with the Métis and Cree. The leading members of the Dumont clan, Gabriel, his father Isidore and his uncle Jean, met the Sioux chiefs at Devil's Lake in Dakota and made a treaty which neither side broke. Obviously, however, the Americans still acheived their goal of stealing the land from the Sioux, and all the other natives of North America. At the time of the Devil's treaty Gabriel Dumont became the leader of a small group of hunters in Saskatchewan who travelled together for mutual protection. They moved to Fort Carlton with other groups to create an organization for regulating hunts and to choose a permanent chief, Gabriel was chosen at the age of 25. From this time on he remained chief of all the Métis who wintered in this region, and when nomatic life was in sight, he assumed leadership.

Permanent settlements were built after the Buffalo started to disappear, and the first one was founded by hunters under Dumont's leadership. The village was named La Petite Ville, and was located near what is now Saskatoon. In the late summer of 1868 Father André came to the village and became quite good friends with Dumont, this friendship would have important consequences for the Saskatchewan Métis. Meanwhile on Red River the Métis foresaw distant political events that might change their lives.

## The Red River Rebellion

When settling was occuring in the west the French Canadians wanted their fair share of the land. The English Canadians, though, especially Ontario English, felt that the West was theirs. This built alot of tension between English and French citizens as well as religious tension with the English who were mostly Anglican (Protestant), and the French who were mostly Catholic. This made making land deals harder in the game of politics. The French lost. (The Indians and Métis didn't have much of a chance.)

On December 1, 1869, the Hudson Bay Company sold the Red River lands (where the Métis and other people lived) for $1.5 million, and a small amount of land. Ottawa decided to appoint a Governor and fifteen councillors. The Métis had other plans. When the Hudson Bay Company passed control of the lands to the Canadian government, things got tense at Red River.

The English settlers at Fort Garry decided that it was time to show their authority over the lands at Red River. The U.S. settlers decided it was their time to move in as well. Leaving the Métis, who were the majority at Red River with no control over the lands in which they inhabited. The Métis are the desendants of English and French fur traders and their Indian wives. They had decided to take their lands and create a "new nation", and to prevent the destruction of their way of life, and the land.

Red River had faced starvation through bad crops, and poor hunting at the time and the attempts by the government to create jobs hadn't worked so more tensions were rising. There was a young Métis who was educated in Quebec, and a strong leader who was respected by the Métis, his name was Louis Riel. This was the begining of his leadership.

William McDougall was made Red River's first governor. He was seen, however as a threat to the Métis way of life and this caused REBELLION. McDougall was to come up to claim that he was governor, so the Métis organized and formed "The National Committee of the Métis at Red River", and they built a barrier to keep McDougall out. They put an order on it threatning him to stay out. McDougall described this as "contemptuous and insulting". The Métis took control of their lands and imposed their own power.

Riel with 400 Métis then seized Fort Garry and took 40 prisoners showing that they had power over the area and especially the fort. They then decided to set up a temporary government until something more secure could be done. But time was getting thin, and on December first McDougall read a proclaimation which united Rupert's land and the Northwest to Canada. Louis Riel was furious and armed with 600 men and 2 cannons they attacked Schultz's store with an easy win. The men were paid with some of the spoils. From hearing this the then Prime Minister MacDonald cancelled the date of transfer and considered Red River a foriegn country. This gave an opportunity for the people of Red River to vote and secure the land, Riel was voted president. Riel in return set the prisoners free that were taken at Fort Garry. Much drinking and partying was done to celebrate their victory.

Apparently though the Canadian government changed it's mind and on February 12th, one hundred men led by Boulton set out to attack Red River. The plans failed because it was so cold and they were running out of supplies by the time they arrived. Instead it was decided that they would scare the Métis by marching past Fort Garry. They were then surrounded and taken prisoner at the Fort by the Métis. Boulton was to be executed for leading the attack but his life was spared by Riel.

Thomas Scott (who you will probably be told about by the media this year) was a distrupter while being a prisoner and was very much hated by the Métis. He was used as a scapegoat and after a vote the majority of the Métis won and he was executed. His killing inflamed opinion about the Métis in English Canada, and led to a demand for vengeance. A British garrison (still in Canada) and Canadian militia units were hurridly prepared, and readied for war. To get rid of the Métis two thousand troops under General Garnet Wolseley landed a few miles away from Fort Garry on August 23, 1870. The Métis fled as well as Riel from fear of being annihilated. But a measure of victory had been won because the French and English were given equal rights in language and schooling. To the French Canadians this was a big victory. This victory was short lived, however, because as in all of the rights French Canadians have been given outside of Quebec, soon or later they get taken away.

The news events of Red River excited the Métis on the western plains. They realized that what happened at Red River could happen at Saskatchewan River. Gabriel Dumont was concerned and journeyed to Fort Garry to confer with Riel and to offer his assistance. They had met in June 1870 and Dumont had advised Riel to begin guerilla warfare against Wolseley's column with the aid of 500 armed Métis and Indians from the Lake of the Woods. With Christian ethics getting in the way of both Riel and Bishop Taché, he refused, and planned instead to wait for the forces to get there instead of attacking the railroad and sabotaging their equipment which would have made it harder for the government in the war they created. Dumont then returned to Saskatchewan to avoid quarreling with Bishop Taché and his views on patience. Wherever Dumont planned to build resistance and solidarity he was opposed by priests.

The Métis hunters under Dumont left La Petite Villa and went to riverside lots at St. Laurent and Batoche, while Riel escaped to the U.S.. Dumont was then at Batoche where he had his ferry, and he led the buffalo hunts until 1881. Where later because of unnecessary hunting, and white men hunting for sport and fur led to (to put it lightly) the hunts not being worthwhile. Dumont was also involved in the first attempts to organize self-government in the western prairies, but no organization among the Métis happened during the autumn and winter.

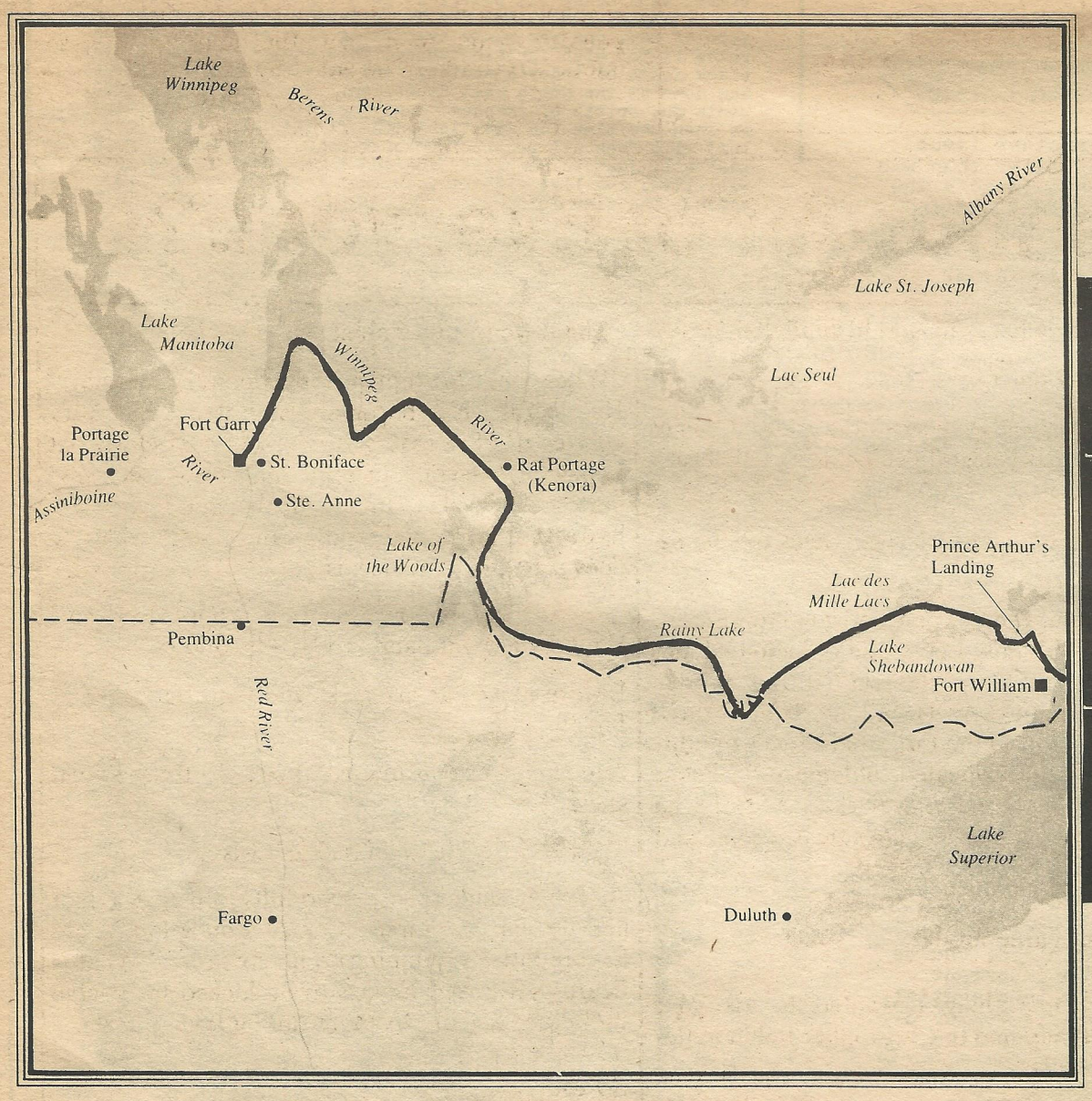
*This picture of Louis Riel was taken around 1878, a few years after the collapse of his provisional government at Red River.*

On December 10th, 1873 the people of South Saskatchewan gathered outside church doors of St. Laurent to create the first government established in Canada west of Red River. They agreed only to have a government of their own until parliament was ready to take over. Dumont was named president, and he had a council of eight. The laws they had were minimal because of the then nature and ways of the Métis people. For instance, all crimes committed were payable by fines, and there is no mention of theft (except horses) because they just didn't steal off of each other. There is also no mention of violent crimes. In 1874 they had established laws dealing with buffalo hunting, trying to preserve them from the forseeable and almost certain annihilation, but this had no significant results because the herds were already pretty well destroyed. The situation of Dumont enforcing Buffalo hunt laws angered the Canadian government and they considered this a very serious threat. Nothing came of this, however, because the law they had made was more along the lines of traditional rules of the hunt, and commonsense.

In 1876 lieutenant governor Morris arrived at Fort Carlton and the natives surrendered their rights to the prairie lands. This was the notorious treaty number 6, and no grants of land had been made available to them through the treaty. In 1877 Dumont re-emerged as the leader of the Métis to present grievances to the outside authorities. They asked for a school (finally granted in 1880), and aid with grain and farm implements promised to them in treaty number 6. A lot of people supported these demands, even the Deputy Minister of the Interior, Colonel J.S. Dennis, who served against Riel at Red River. He urged immediate action.

"It is a crying shame that the half-breeds have been ignored. It will result in troble and is most unjust."

Alexander Morris
(as he retired from the lieautenant governorship of the territories)




*Map showing the route taken by Colonel Garnet Wolseley and his troops in the summer of 1870.*

# THE METIS WERE CONSIDERED SQUATTERS !!

Since the Métis had no land claims but were in the process of trying to make them, the Métis were considered squatters. The Canadian government officials stalled the land claims until finally the Métis brought Louis Riel back to Canada to advise and inspire them. Action was in the making.

"We need him here (Riel) as our political leader. In other matters I am chief here."

Gabriel Dumont

The METIS RESISTANCE--PART 2 will appear in the next issue of REALITY NOW. This will deal with Louis Riel, the battles, and his trial and execution.

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# WE NEED REBELS NOW, MORE THAN EVER

Student protest would appear, to the outsider, to have died. Although the sources of the rage that initially spawned the protest have not disappeared. The military-industrial complex has continued to grow like a parasite on the developed and under developed nations of the world alike. Environmental deregulation is now an international disease the world over. Acid rain is clearly a global problem effecting North Ammerica and most of Europe. The wimmin's movement has not died, nor will it ever until sexism is removed from our society and is replaced with equality, and not tokens.

These persistant sources of rage are still among us, so what the hell brought on the curse of the silent majority. If, as I am repeatedly told, it is because youth are now more interested in upward mobility or as the standard press toss around the buzzword "yuppies", then I just don't buy that argument. Upward mobility only comes if you are white, male and fortunate enough to be in the upper class of our classless society. That doesn't mean that it will always be this way, but it is now.

So while we stand around with visions of being Peter Pocklington, the state in all its insidious forms continues to rape a plunder OUR EARTH. There is no time like the present to question our lives and see if some changes aren't in order. The time has come again for us to face reality, no more wallflowers, join the protests, contribute to the search for alternatives and criticize the present. No more SILENCE please.

How few social critics our generation has spawned. Doonesbury is still one of the most insightful political commentaries to be found in the standard press, but we need more people like this. It's not as though our system isn't worthy of criticism, oh no, far from it. They rarely deserve praise. And yet, with the Cruise missile tests soaring over our heads, the SILENCE PERSISTS. Maybe it's true, WE ARE ALREADY DEAD. The state removed our souls and the corporations have implanted their ideas, through advertising, and we have adopted them as thought. How else can we explain the giving of G.I. Joe, toy machine guns, He-Man and other socially negative products to children at Christmas time, when our thoughts ahould be centred on sharing and peace on Earth. Or do these products come to, as the result of the assumption that PEACE ON EARTH will only be possible when the last communist is dead? If this is the assumption we accept then I guess G.I. Joe follows logically.

Recently, I was driving along the QEW, and on my left in the backyard of a modern suburban home I saw the work of a creative childs mind and hands. Carved out of snow, I saw, not a snowman but a fucking TANK. What have we done to our children? Is their violence a learned behaviour? Carving a tank where once a snowman would have been built. This must be learned, it wasn't always that way. Can we change it? Yes we can, and we must. We have to.

We don't have any choice but to change what has become acceptable behaviour. Our society is breeding violence where it should be showing cooperation and caring. Instead we get domination.

The challenge before us is to criticize the state and all its institutions, which includes the corporations. We must work on our own valid, acceptable and practical alternatives. We need more than rhetoric and dogma. We need to face reality now, more than ever.

D.I. OXEN

## BUREAUCRACY vs DEMOCRACY

Government bureaucracy is a government of the bureaucrats, by the bureaucrats, for the bureaucrats. It is also a system, and this is our key to understanding it. Systems behave as if they are intelligent and alive. For instance, according to Systemantics and Parkinson's Law "Systems tend to grow". The bureaucrats and the politicians are the parts "of" the system "by" whom it is run. They will lie and cheat "for" the system and it, through its obedient parts, will give them comfort, security and power over people in return.

Since the system tends to grow, the bureaucrats always have to find new ways of spending more money on it without admitting that the money has to come from somewhere. If they print the money it causes inflation and if they borrow it, it increases the deficit. But these alternatives to collecting overt and hidden taxes are more expedient because inflation can be blamed on counterfeiters, business, banks, unions or foreign governments.

Inflation, the deficit, taxes and government interference destroy the economy, this causes more unemployment, which, in turn causes more crime and drives more people into debt, bankruptcy, to drink and suicide. This misery is caused by friendly and concerned looking bureaucrats, because "alleviating the suffering" is as good an excuse to spend more money as any. Roughly 2 out of every 3 dollars spent, go towards "administration". Only about 1/3 of the money goes towards the cause for which it was printed, borrowed and collected.

True, or participatory democracy is a government of the people, by the people for the people. "What is best for the people" should be decided by the people. To inform themselves before making decisions is the responsibility of the people because "The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."

-Plato

# Is Your Ⓐ For Everyone?!

"Do you know what A means, little Piglet?"

"No, Eeyore, I don't."

"It means Learning, it means Education, it means all the things that you and Pooh haven't got. That's what A means."

"Oh," said Piglet again. "I mean, does it?" he explained quickly.

"I'm telling you. People come and go in this Forest, and they say, 'It's only Eeyore, so it doesn't count.' They walk to and fro saying 'Ha ha!' But do they know anything about A? They don't. It's just three sticks to *them*. But to the Educated—mark this, little Piglet—to the Educated, not meaning Poohs and Piglets, it's a great and glorious A. Not," he added, "just something that anybody can come and *breathe* on."

Then Rabbit came along . . .

"There's just one thing I wanted to ask you, Eeyore. What happens to Christopher Robin in the mornings nowadays?"

"What's this that I'm looking at?" said Eeyore, still looking at it.

"Three sticks," said Rabbit promptly.

"You see?" said Eeyore to Piglet. He turned to Rabbit. "I will now answer your question," he said solemnly.

"Thank you," said Rabbit.

"What does Christopher Robin do in the mornings? He learns. He becomes Educated. He instigorates—I *think* that is the word he mentioned, but I may be referring to something else—he instigorates Knowledge. In my small way I also, if I have the word right, am—am doing what he does. That, for instance, is——"

"An A," said Rabbit, "but not a very good one. Well, I must get back and tell the others."

Eeyore looked at his sticks and then he looked at Piglet. . . .

"He *knew*? You mean this A thing is a thing *Rabbit* knew?"

"Yes, Eeyore. He's clever, Rabbit is."

"Clever!" said Eeyore scornfully, putting a foot heavily on his three sticks. "Education!" said Eeyore bitterly, jumping on his six sticks. "What *is* Learning?" asked Eeyore as he kicked his twelve sticks into the air. "A thing *Rabbit* knows! Ha!"

So there.

# ADVERTISING: THE CURSE OF CONSUMER CONSUMPTION

How much more shit do they expect us to swallow before we stand up and say, "Alright, we have had enough thank you and that will do". Advertising invades every aspect of our lives, through television, radio, print media and when we are on the streets, it's the billboards on the bus's, at the bus stops, it's never ending.

It's not just the products that they sell, but the unobtainable ideals that they set, and who the hell decided that it was a worthy ideal? We are sold the idea that the products are necessary and that it is essential that we desire them.

SHARE THEIR FUCKIN' FANTASY

Where are we supposed to get the money to buy thier products should we desire to have them. They set the goal and take away the means to achieve it. Why do they have to shove the products down our throats, if we do want and need their goods anyway?

And what of their images anyway. They say that to be complete, wimmin must paint on their face, disguise natural odour with unnatural chemicals, CHANEL for the rich, AVON for the poor. To be MACHO MALE, men must wear BRUTE and MENNON. What a fucking joke, and they are the ones laughing off of our insecurities. The image has been sold and the products have been bought.

These companies and their MINDROT images of glory and bliss are as dangerous as any other form of mind control. Will we ever be able to be secure enough in ourselves to tell them to take their images and fuck off? When will we accept humanity as is, and no sweeteners please. Sometimes we are so fucking stupid that they use reverse psychology on us. After years of telling us that the scent was important, they start coming out with a line of unscented products and tell us that now we don't need the scent. WOW. That's great.

We aren't the only ones hurt by their consumer games. To be sure that their products are safe for use by humans, they summarily execute millions of animals in Draize and LD50 Tests. The Draize test involves the abuse of rabbits in restraining boxes, with only their heads protruding. Rabbits are the victim of choice in this little nigthmare because they lack tear ducts. New products that will be used by humans are applied to the eyes of the rabbits to measure the corrosivity of the substance. No tear-ducts, unable to wash the shit from their eyes, they suffer in agony. All this so that we may have a new improved dish detergent. WHAT A FUCKING WASTE. The cosmetics or whatever are also applied to bare shaved skin, vaginas and rectums because of the sensitivity of these tissues. When a safe level is reached, the government can grant a consumer safe label.

The LD50 or Lethal Dose 50 is usually used for products that will be ingested or might accidentally be ingested by the consumer. To ensure safety the product is forced into the stomachs of animals until 50% of the test animals die. Nearly every consumer products on the market has undergone one test or the other.

Alternatives to these tests are becoming increasingly more available, but without consumer pressure, the old ways will be hard to break. The new methods involve computer projections, tissue cultures and greater cross references of past testing results. In the case of cosmetics, alternative products exist and can be purchased through Beauty Without Cruelty Inc.. Their products do not contain any animals derived ingredients or used animal testing.

Our outrage at these inhumanities are the incentive they need to alter their cruel practices. Our outrage at their sexist advertising fantasies are the incentive they need to change their advertising policies.

HAVE WE NOT HAD ABOUT ENOUGH ??

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We transcribed THE ANIMALS FILM soundtrack into booklet form because we felt this movie was very informative and the facts were desperately needed to be available to those who wish to review them.

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# WHY SEPARATISM?!

womyn's groups, womyn's peace marches, womyn's peace camps, womyn's movement...why this segregation from men?
womyn who are involved in various "womyn's activities" explain it by telling me of the strength and power of womyn, their spirit, emotion, sensuousness, and how wonderful it feels being close and working with other womyn as sisters.
Other womyn agree, also telling me how uncomfortable, cautious or threatened they feel around men, usually having been abused or raped or exploited in some way. Asking womyn to deal with men in that case would be pointless and harmful but I worry as I see this trend of segregation leading to resentment, hostility and alienation from so many caring, intelligent people.
I've seen many men hurt and upset by the "womyn only" marches, dances and demonstrations, or even worse, going to them and being barely tolerated, if not treated with contempt. I've been welcomed with open arms at gay pride demonstrations, not asked what my sexual preference is, just welcomed for my support. (After all, if I didn't support them, why would I march with them? The same holds true for this issue.)As a womyn, I am confused and bewildered by this segregation, as well as a little shut out because I don't spend the majority of my time with womyn.
Men and womyn have so much to learn from each others differences and differing opinions. Men who agree and empathize with feminism have a lot to share and so much to tell about how they feel about this patriarchal society. Not all men are rapists, not all men are sexist, just as not all white people are racist.
Getting closer to one another, whether of the same or opposite sex, is rewarding, valuable and beautiful as long as we don't shut out others in the process.
We're all a part of life, all share the same world and, hopefully, the same respect, love and care about it and its inhabitants. So instead of seperating, why don't we work together?

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# FREE THE NEW YORK 8

Dear Comrades and friends:

As you probably already know, the U.S. government , represented by the Joint Terrorist Task Force (JTTF) has once again viciously attacked some of our most steadfast fighters in the Black Liberation and socialist movements in this country.

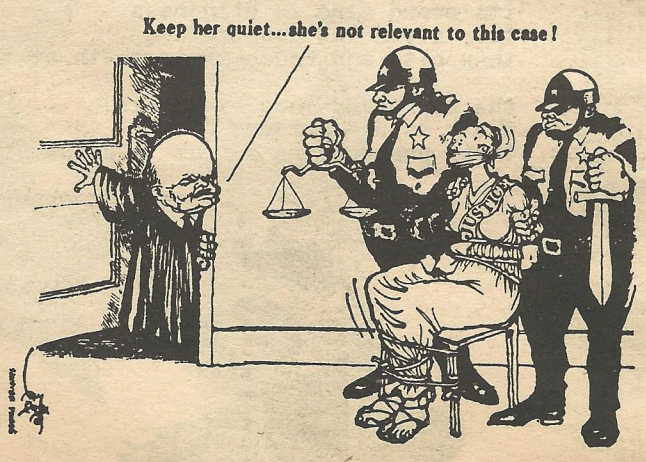
On Wednesday night, October 17 1984, almost 500 FBI and NYC police swept across New York City simultaneously arresting Coltrane Chimerenga outside a Chinese restaurant where he had been eating, Roger Wareham on his way home, Lateefah Carter and Omowale Clay at a jazz concert at Smalls Paradise. They lined up 20 cars outside a home at 80 Midwood street, calling the two women residents who were alone with their four children to " come out with your hands up". At the same time, they broke into an *apartment at 1700 Bedford ave., arresting Yvette Kelley and Colette Pean, knocking a 15 year old girl to the floor, handcuffing her and putting a gun to her head, mistaking her for the 47 year old Viola Plummer,a resident of Queens. Meanwhile they broke into the home of Viola Plummer, and found her 23 year old daughter returning home. They handcuffed her, threw her into a police car and told her she was under arrest, also mistaking her for Viola, who was in bed. They put a shotgun to the head of the infant who was in his crib at the house. Not so far from Viola's house these vicious storm troopers marched into her son Robert Taylor's apartment, arresting him at gunpoint while his wife and 2 children stood helplessly by.

WHAT IS THE CHARGE?

The JTTF has accused these comrades of plotting to break Sekou Odinga and Kuwasi Bulagoon, two freedom fighters out of jail and to rob armored trucks.

WHAT IS THE REAL DEAL?

These comrades, like all political activists who are dedicated to the struggles of Black and other oppressed peoples and have spent years educating and organizing the masses to resist such oppression are clearly viewed as the enemy by the U.S. government and ruling




class. These arrests mark the beginning of a new wave of government terrorism against dissent in America. The Reagan administration seeks to crush all dissent by criminalizing political movements and activists. Anyone who has the conviction to stand up and demand freedom is absolutely and definitely targetted for government terrorist reprisals. The hypocrisy of this system and the media is exposed when the cops who murdered Michael Stewart and Eleanor Bumpurs are allowed to go free while these eight comrades are indicted based on allegations that they "planned" to commit so-called criminal acts. Remember well that the same media has never called the Ku Klux Klan or the Nazis terrorists.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

Because these comrades are forced to defend themselves in courts of law which are part and parcel of the fascist legal system, it is crucial that we, the activists, supporters and friends of the Black Liberation movement **take a stand now and fight back.** Let's not make the error of the Jewish people made during the early period of Hitler's attack, scapegoating and terror, thinking that we'll be better off if we just stay quiet and be thankful that it isn't us. Heed well the prophetic statement that, "if they come for me in the morning... surely they are coming for me tonight"

The best defense is community support. The mobilization Committee Against Police Brutality and the N.Y. 8 Defense Committee is calling on you immediately:

1) Join the NY 8 AGAINST FASCIST TERRORISM DEFENCE COMMITTEE .
2) Enlist others to join the defense committee.
3) Attend court hearings and show comrades our support.
4) Raise funds for the defence fund.

We owe it to ourselves and the movement. Yours in struggle,

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REPORT ON SPORT

# TIGHT-ENDS MAKE GOOD COMRADES; RUNNING BACKS MAKE GOOD THE VANGUARD

Talk about strikes! Everywhere except at the Baby Dolls in Odessa, Texas, you will find people striking. Angry fans worldwide are picketing pocket-picking police prick politicians. In all areas of the oppressed populace, fans are garbed in camouflage fatigues. Really meaning to get down, the angry fans have been racking balls and havoc on team owners and government militia goon-squads.

The "good guys'" bad guy, Mister Nelly Rock-a-fella, is "utterly mad" at the "thought" of fans and team players revolting. Mr. Rock-a-fella said that he"just can't understand why people choose civil disobedience rather than living on a meager existence with the aid and security of welfare checks, social security pensions, and bread lines. Not to mention Federal Income Tax returns!" The only folks seeming to profit from all the wigging out were the door-to-door salesmen.

The setting is at the world's most talked of Super Bowls. Located on the home turf of every street, backroad, home and jailhouse across the world (except China).

For years now each individual participant has readied themselves for what will become known as the last and final game we all have come to anticipate ,and love.

The teams are now out in the fields.

Each team consists of sixty-men squads. The coaches, in their determination to bring home a victory to their fans, are now collating strategies that will be used in the world's final super of Super Bowl games.

Though the fans out-number their opponents 1.6 million to 1, the owners of the striking & rebellious population have instituted the help of all the world government militaries. (The

players of the Army, Navy, Air-force, and Marines are adamant in their personal opinions of succumbing to orders given to them by their superiors any longer. They too feel that they have lived under rules of terrible repression. They are no longer yielding to those scandalous methods such as k.p. duty, or becoming latrine captains.)

The presidents and their cabinets & committees of the United States, USSR, and South Africa, themselves prolonged-time fans of the game, are watching the happenings from 10,000 miles above the earth's surface. Visitors aboard the wanton exiled spacecraft include every notable noble, along with wives and mistresses,who happened to purchase a top row seat. (Rumor is circulating that the space heads of state are not even watching the game. The rumor centers around something about distorted sightings of just what nation's anti-ballistic nuclear warhead satellite keeps tracking them.)

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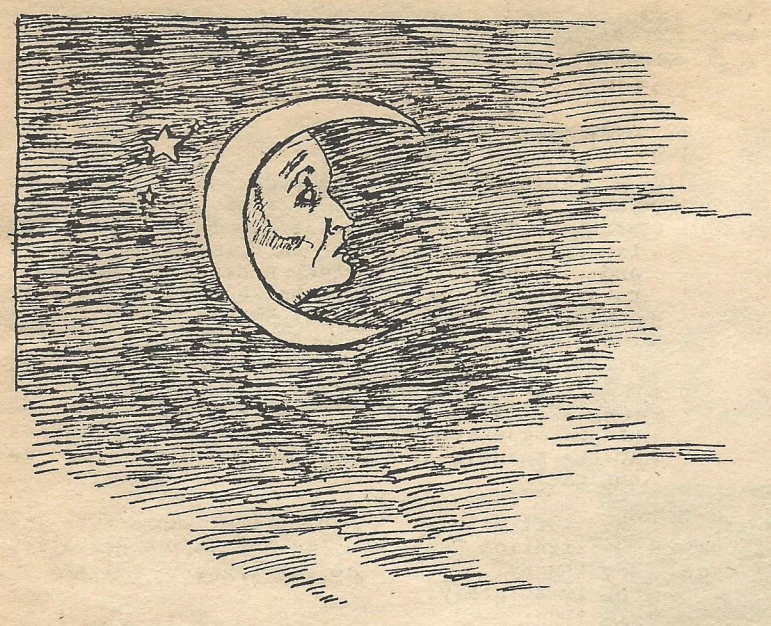

## THE CHIMNEY

THE CHIMNEY BURNS INTO THE SKY
LIKE THAT OF FIRE, AND PASSES BY
THE GASES MELT LIFE AS WE KNOW
OUR OWN DESTRUCTION COMES AND GOES

WHY IS IT THAT OUR DEATH AWAITS
WHEN ONLY MONEY IS AT STAKE
THE EARTH DISSOLVES AS WE STAND BY
WHILE PEOPLE SIT AND WONDER WHY

THE GREED OF MANY HAS TO SAY
THAT LIFE AS PROFIT IS DECAY
WHAT IS THE EARTH THAN VALUE AND PRICE?
IT IS OUR HOME, DEFEND WITH YOUR LIFE

THE CHIMNEY STANDS STRONG WHILE PROFITS RISE HIGH
WHILE WE THAT HAVE NONE ARE LEFT JUST TO DIE
THE FIGHT MUST BE STRONG MUCH MORE THAN BEFORE
THERE'S ONLY ONE EARTH AND THEN THERE'S NO MORE

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## PHOBIAS

A FEELING BURNS INSIDE
A THOUGHT OF CONFUSION
WHY HIDE TRUE FEELINGS IN THE DARK
OR IS IT THAT IT IS LESS PAINFUL
A PUSH AWAY WILL LEAD YOU FURTHER
AWAY FROM THE LIGHT INSIDE
CAN YOU FIND A BETTER WAY TO
COVER THE FEELINGS YOU HIDE?

OUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT FROM DAY ONE
HAS BEEN TOLD TO SEEK COVER AND HIDE
IT IS BECAUSE IF WE DID NOT
WE'D HAVE CONTROL OF OUR LIVES
WILL THERE BE A DAY, WHEN WE CAN SAY
THAT FREEDOM IS OUR MINDS?
WITH PHOBIAS GONE, AND FEAR HAS MOVED ON
THE BURNS WILL HEAL UP INSIDE

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## GET IT TOGETHER

We men must learn to be mothers
Silent and attentive
Patient and encouraging
Nuturing.
We must learn to melt the iron chains
That hold back our sensitivety from fruition.
We must learn to soften our calloused hearts
That have grown numb to honest touch.
Too long our boisterous talk and laughter
Has drowned out our sister's weeping.
Too long our sister's precious lives
Have been in someone else's keeping.
To be in favour of 'equal pay for equal work'
Is just not enough.
We men must give
Until it hurts
We men must learn to be mothers

Gerry Hannah/84

Government
government has increased
it engulfs the world
it has kept the multitudes from the fruit of Peace
it has crept into the innermost depts of the forest
it has called to despair the humbled
it has rejected and enslaved its fornicators
it has oppressed and enslaved its subjects
its proud sing in blindness
they scorn the downtrodden
they bite and knash their teeth at the lowly

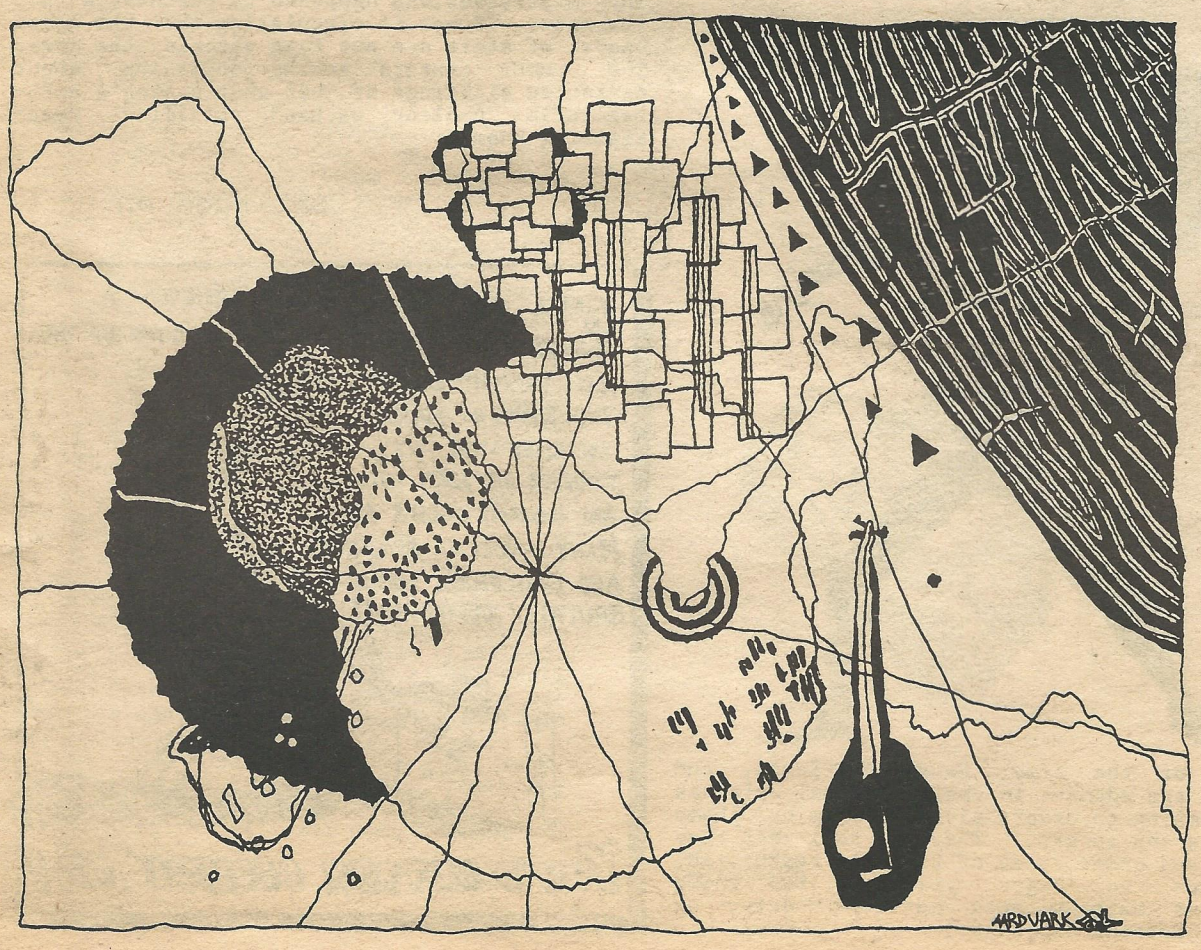
the repressed ones have cried
their nature screams "Love"
their persecutors scream "blasphemy"

Steve Siwek

## THE WAY IT IS

Our front
In their houseplant, wallhangings, coffeepot
Plush carpet offices
They're all smiles.
Mechanical heads (that look surprisingly human)
Through mechanical lips
Mouth mechanical responces.
Which though admittedly vauge in substance
Somehow seem awfully sweet and palatable
To the starying prisoner ear.
Hungering for hope and humanity.
Of course, meanwhile outback
One of their paid stiffs has your coffin
And he's just driving in the last few nails...

Gerry Hannah/84

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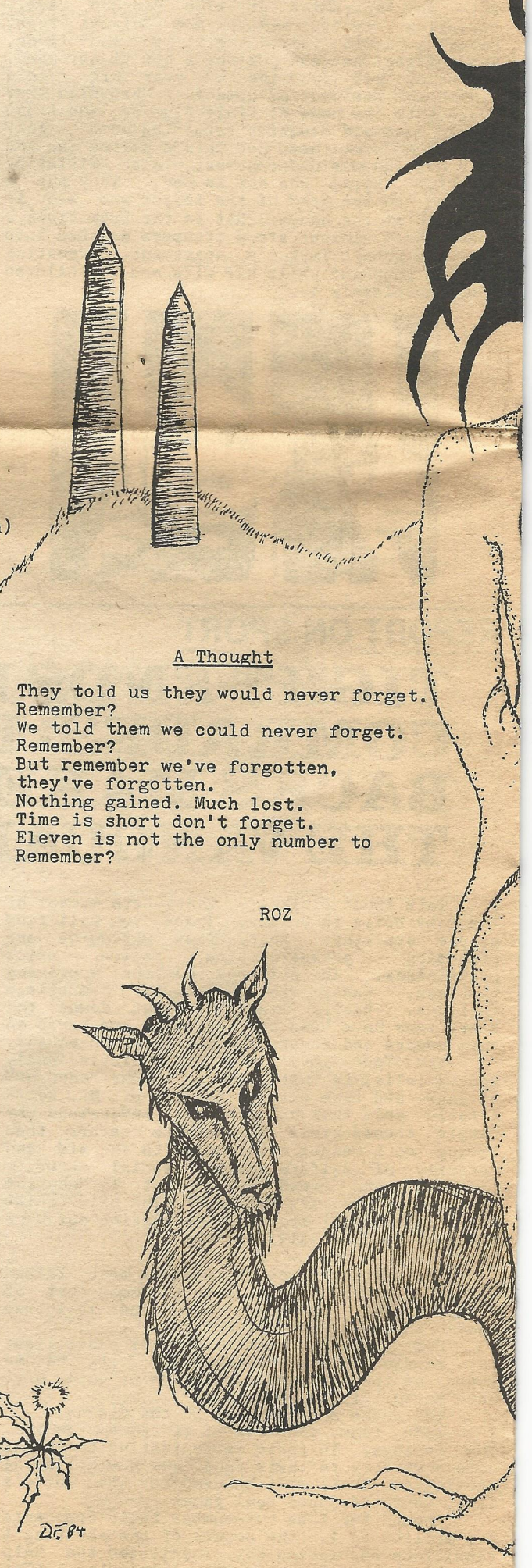

## A Thought

They told us they would never forget.
Remember?
We told them we could never forget.
Remember?
But remember we've forgotten,
they've forgotten.
Nothing gained. Much lost.
Time is short don't forget.
Eleven is not the only number to
Remember?

ROZ

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From Your Soul.

## THE WILD SEED

Like the wild seed beneath the winter's snow
We must be.
Seemingly lifeless, held frozen in the dark
Yet we are not dead.
The cycle is not complete.
Life, hidden deep within, is only waiting
For the sun to shine, for the snow to melt
For the warm spring winds to blow.
Then we'll rise above the ground
Flowering for all to see
And what purpose will we serve?
To grow more seeds
Who in turn will also know the changing seasons
And will fear them not.

Gerry Hannah/83

## i am pain

i am the abuser of the unborn child of the raped woman
i am the slaughter
i am the starving
i am the grief
Hitler is of my womb
i am the dead
i am the soildier
i am the butcher
i live on the tattered earth and
i feed on the blood of millions
i have no name
no body
no gender
yet i am the essence of power
i feel no guilt
i the mindwarper and
i the coffin builder
i am your fear
finally
i am the teacher
learn from me
i have great knowledge
destroy me
let noone replace me

ROZ

Parents who lost sons
in a mindless war,
say they're proud
to have lost them for such a cause.
America, land of the free.
18 year old boys fighting to keep us safe.
HA! What a cause
patriots have been fighting & dying for.
Lives lost in a game between politicians.
War has been declared
and Johnny must kill the enemy.
The enemy is not alien,
he is one of us.
A citizen of the same planet.
Prejudice for a different culture,
Racism for a different race.
The killer and the ones Killed
are simply pawns in a game
they don't understand.
All the tears won't stop the game being played.
While I cry, the race continues.

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CONDITIONING
OF MARRIAGE AND LOVE
BEWARE OF STRANGE MEN IN CARS,
BEWARE OF THE GUY NEXT DOOR,
SOMEONE YOU KNOW.
RAPED, SO NAIVE.
REALITY IS PAINFUL
SCARRED AND DISILLUSIONED.
THEY SAID IT WAS LOVE
THEY SAID IT WAS BEAUTIFUL,
MEANINGFUL, FUN.
WORDS ARE NOT EXPERIENCED,
THEY ARE ONLY WORDS.
PROBLEMS OF STARK REALITY.
HOW IS ONE CONDITIONED
TO DEAL WITH THE SHATTERED
ILLUSION?

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POETRY POSTER #1

# LAST STAND OF THE LUBICON?

"WE want a land base, we can't do anything without a land base" said Bernard Ominayak, chief of the Lubicon Lake Cree people.

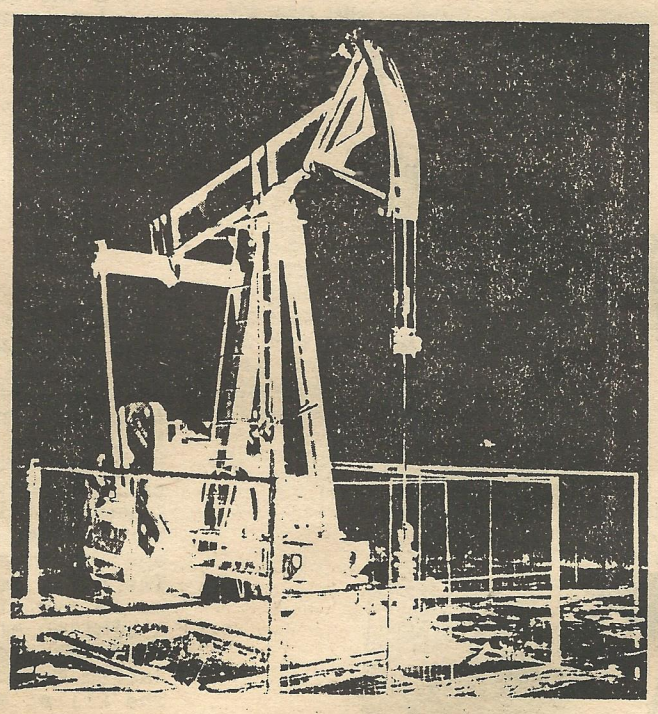
But this is exactly what is persistently being denied this Canadian native band. The 300 member community lives about 900 km North-West of Edmonton, above Peace River. They have laid claim to 22 000 square km of territory, a land base taken away from them.

This is in light of a long history of attempts to eliminate the band. They were recognized as a distinct band of Cree in 1939 by the Canadian government, who approved their choice of a reserve in the area previously mentioned. But because of a discovery of natural resources on the land, the Alberta government took another look at the situation in 1952. From then until 1973 the government tried to dissolve the community by transferring some members to other bands and removing others from the band list. That year, the people were reaffirmed as a band by a federal order. But the provincial authorities had begun making an all weather route in the area for the exploitation of its resources; resources they deemed more important than the livelihood of the indians.

The Lubicon Cree and six other communities filed for a large section of northern Alberta in 1975. However, through legal loop-holing, the Albertan government managed to destroy the case in 1977. The government was determined to get back this land at any cost.

In 1981, the province not only declared the area a "Provincial Hamlet" and divided it up into 2 acre plots, they tried to lease the plots to the indians, or 'give' them to them (courtesy of the state). They then sent property tax notices to members and even to people who had no land. The people simply refused to pay.

The band asked for a court injunction to stop 10 oil companies from working in the area In 1982. A year and a half later, the judge concluded that the indian way of life couldn't possibly be damaged since it no longer exists. The band was told to pay all the legal fees and court costs. The oil companies used this debt to pressure the court and the band not to allow an appeal. The band started an appeal anyways, which was recently dismissed in higher courts. Since the failure of the injunction, 'development' has increased.



A year ago, the International Indian Treaty Council filed a complaint to the United Nations Human Rights Committee saying the Canadian government has violated 3 sections of the human rights covenant by denying the band a land base. Unfortunately, the UN is unsure as to whether they will act on th complaint, and indicated that if they do, it won't be for a while.

But is there time to wait? The complaint submitted has said that without immediate action "the band will not survive, physically or as a social entity, for more than another year or two."

Despite this, the Canadian government and legal system has been inexcusably slow in doing anything, although they speak "sympathetic words". And the Alberta government has already sold almost all the Lubicon peoples' land to oil and gas companies.

The companies have practically destroyed the area. Moose has all but disappeared from the land recently; this had been a major food source for the band. Traplines are destroyed by machines and roads used by the corporations. Now there is alcoholism and alchohol related deaths. Now 90% of the band is on welfare to survive. And the corporations are said to be making $1 million a day from this land. This is blatantly and sickeningly unfair.

The Lubicon band needs land of their own, control over their own affairs, hunting and trapping rights and financial compensation (court costs have been heavy).

While action so far has been mainly legal, it appears this avenue is exhausted, making the struggle a political one. It may help to write or call government officials. Publicity of their dilemma is also important, as in letters to the editor and such. Also, financial help is greatly needed, and the address is included below.

The cheating of native people and the destruction of their way of life has practically been official policy for the past few hundred years. How can a people who were here long before the Canadian government was even thought of be so mistreated by this society? It's not only unfair, it stinks of racism and ruthless profiteering. The Lubicon Cree are only one example of people being mistreated for the sake of profits; there are many others. Perhaps our entire society is built on this strategy... it certainly reeks of it.

KEVIN.

(from information provided by the Edmonton Interchurch Committee on the North and the Globe & Mail.)

To urge the Alberta gov't to give them the land, contact:
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To urge the Ottawa gov't to get its ass in gear, contact:
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Please send copies of any letters to:
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Box 2684, Peace River, Alberta
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Please send lots of bucks (or whatever you can afford) to:
Lubicon Lake Legal Trust Fund
c/o Wilson, Staroszik & Daniels
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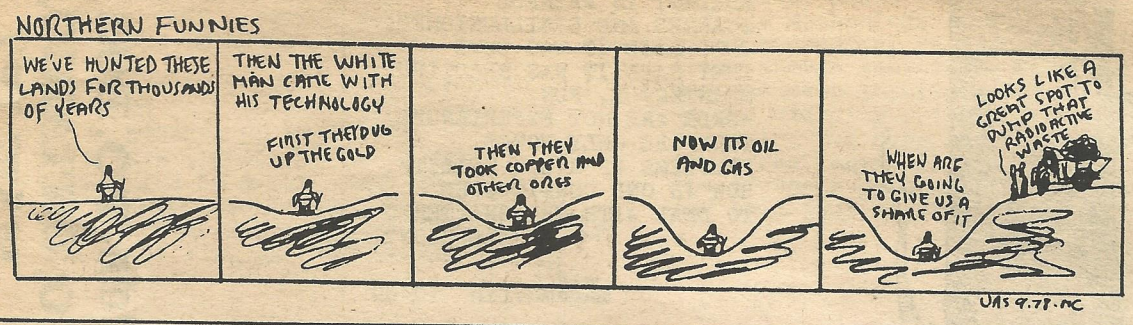


## TIGHT-ENDS MAKE GOOD COMRADES; RUNNING BACKS MAKE GOOD THE VANGUARD

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Meanwhile, back down to earth...

The Armageddon is getting down. What is miraculous is the fact that once a long time ago governments opposed each other and sought ways to control the earth's geography and now they have all become a team unit. What is incredible is that all the nobles up in space have agreed upon a last ditch effort plan secretly known as the "last great (ditch) effort plan" to employ if the "game" down on earth gets out of hand.

"Yankee Doodle", the anti-individualist incarnate, this morning proudly accepted responsibility for the mass extermination of thirty-five thousand, two hundred and seventeen New York (de Bronx) Latinos.

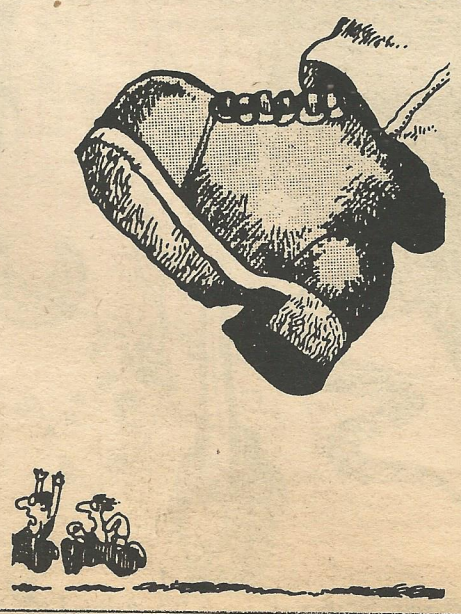
Doodle, in a speech held later said to his religiously congregated audience: "We all know how Catholicism promotes poverty. As a brother, I am not saying it was their fault being poor. Who am I to judge? I am just saying through that this here action was the best way I could think of to reduce poverty and starvation from poverty stricken families. Just because. Just because I own a very small mansion and have a small bank account does not mean I am unthoughtful towards the billions of oppressed and poor (poor) people. Besides, I did at one time work for what i now have. (And), if it wasn't for this silly revolting world-wide revolution, I would tell people to get back to work. Or at least stop whining and get some business."

Reportedly some members of the New Ku Klux Klan went for it.

In China (where almost everybody does each other's thinking for each other), the government has had very little trouble in mustering an army.

Throughout the rest of the world the fans and the players have resisted the intolerant approachments of patriotic patriots that want them to join the "side of the right". The fear of god is in many of the folks because you keep hearing things like, "He is coming." and "This is the End". Something even more popular going around is "this is the Pepsi Generation." Cheers!

Steve Siwek



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# THE COLD WAR

by Eibie Weizfeld

Direct Action means more than words, whether printed or shouted. Retoric has long been recognized as the dis-ease of the ««left»» and yet little has been done to escape from the self-imposed prison of isolation. The antidote conceived of by many ««independent leftists»» has been to cease presenting any new/radical ideas for fear of alienating that famed working class and so slipping into apathetic quietude appealing to osmosis as the new savior in that desparation for a messiah.

The recent revolt on Parliament Hill and the Battle of Queen's Park were conducted by a few activists totaling about 60 peace campers and supporters. The Parliament Hill Peace Camp still addressed at; c/o Room 639-C, House of Commons, Outaouais/Ottawa K1A 0A6 (KEBEK), existed for 748 days in the form of a literature and petition table (throughout this past winter as well), various banners, and a shelter for the past six months, winterized and 8'X15'X6' high.

In this revolutionary habitat the insurrection announced during the occupation of the Peace Tower Valentine's Day of 1983 continued and prepared for the government's assault.

The concept of the Peace Camp came from several sources:
1) the Greenham Common Woman's Peace Camp near London,
2)the 1650 English Common revolution which challenged the idea of Crown land being the monarch's private property thus making it public Common Land so establishing the concept of a collective nationhood, and, also
3) the sleep-in in form of the U.S. Consulate in Toronto around 1965 which lasted a week during the initiation of the American war in Vietnam.

By squatting on Parliament Hill this demonstration claimed that land to be public property, not private, neither the Crown's nor the governments. However the Tories tended to think of it as part of the prize won at the election which belonged to them in true blue monarchical fashion. In addition we were situated directly across the street from the U.S.A. Embassy which faces Parliament.

When it came to forcing us off the Hill the Minister of Public Works Roch LaSalle at first resorted to using the provincial Trespass Act as if we were on his own home's front lawn. Monday morning April 22nd at 7:20 an official woke us up from bed and read an order demanding that we pack up and leave, in English and French with an anglais accent. Just outside the door were 6-7 RCMP'ers in brown uniforms and the Public Works employees aways off with a big truck. The workers were called in and with crowbars, wire-cutters and a knife wielded by a white-haired administrator who is the political clone for the obnoxious character in the TV programme Kotter.

Together with the various RCMP raids when putting up tents (with the Youth Survival Conspiracy), sleeping, or opening literature tables, a total of 30 arrests and charges were made. After one of the New Democratic Party Members of Parliament opened a table the RCMP(Royal Canadian Mounted Police) resorted to arresting the table. After another such MP was chained to a table the cops (les flics) attacked the chain when it was on the camp bike and continued to arrest tables. Four tables were stolen.

In Toronto at Queen's Park (so-called) 14 peace campers were arrested under the trespass act when a bus-load of cops descended of them and confiscated that camp's material in an army truck. Total arrests 44.

In Ottawa the federal Tory government's Public Works Nuisances Regulations of the Public Works Act as amended April 23rd were instituted just to stop the Peace Camp through Cabinet Order in Council forbiding any unauthorized structure, meaning the shelter, the literature tables or a free-standing banner. If the application for an injunction suceeds then this law and the Cabinet will be declared unconstitutional and the Peace Camp may be awarded $101,500.

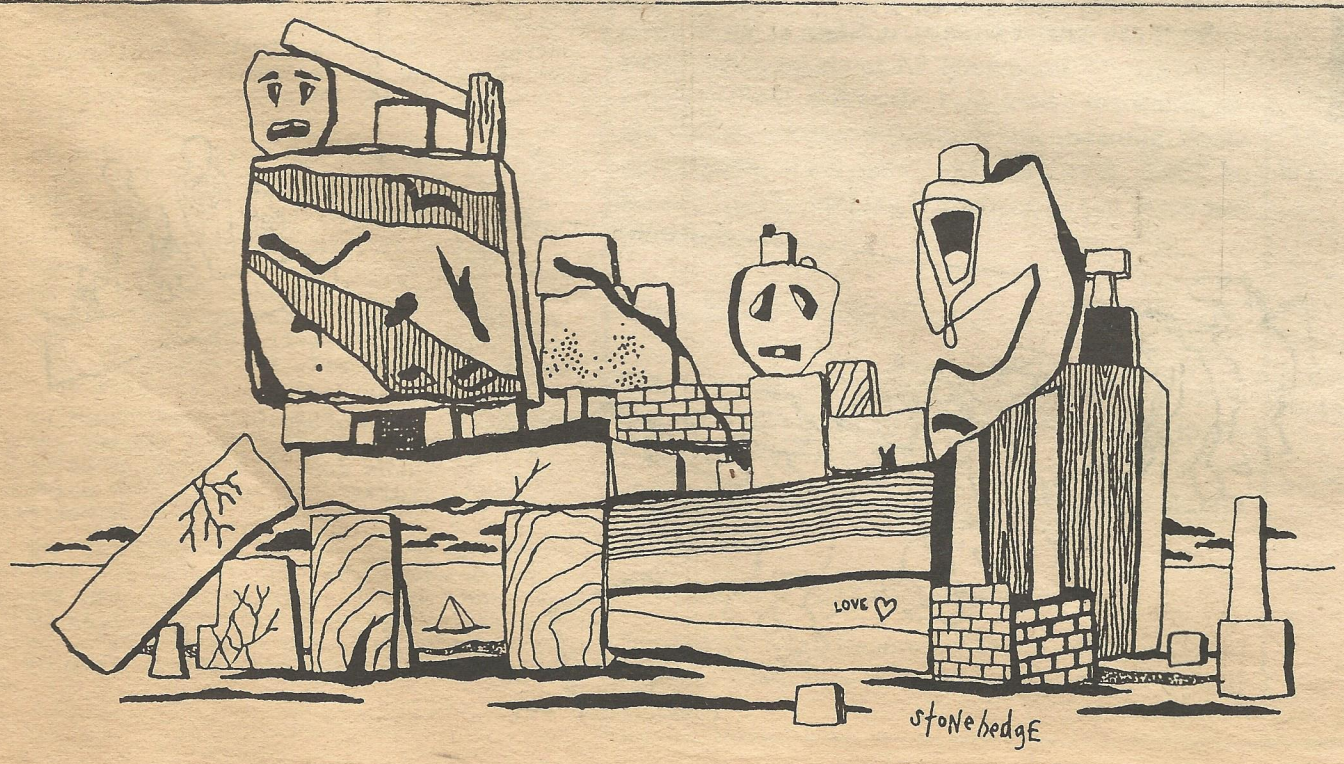
Defying both the Liberal and Tory governments seems to have inspired a mass sentiment in favour of political action by demonstrating the governments hostility to peace and consequently who it is that wants peace and who wants war. The Tory attack on the Peace Camp is taken as a declaration of war against the peace/anti-war movement and so has generated a wave of support among the peace coalitions even though the Peace Camp is regarded as being a radical action. In terms of exposure and consciousness raising, the media provided us with a connection to a potential of witnesses not only across this country, but also the U.S.A. and Moscow, on TV, radio and in print, making some 1/4 billion people aware of the protest.

Demonstrations have a symbolic value indicating the potential for action but they are not an action in themselves. Protests are directed demonstrations defying authority, and resistence is direct at destroying the power by which authority operates. The Peace Camp didn't have to engage the government in violent confrontation to become a radical act of resistence. It was a long-term indefinite protest which became an act of resistence when we refused to leave when ordered and returned when arrested. The idea of conducting an indefinite protest at first was conceived of in order to break the mold whereby demonstrations went through the ritual of mouthing off and going home to watch yourselves on the TV news. By not leaving we demonstrated that we refused to give up the struggle and that we did not consent to let the government proceed on its merry way to oblivion.

We showed that radicals, even revolutionary anarchists, resist the power and force of the government without violently attacking any person while the government acted violently to destroy the shelter and arrest us. Clearly it was the reactionaries who were responsible for the violence. It was not necessary to destroy the police and government physically in order to destory them psychologically since they destroyed themselves in the thinking of the public. They were psyched-out right in front of the people. The government demonstrated it doesn't govern by consent, it governs by force because they seek power merely and not to represent the national consensus. That is why they cannot be trusted with anythin to do with nuclear weapons. When power is at stake in a war or a world-wide revolution then They would use it because they are en-Q-les (fucked-up). Just as in Hiroshima/Nagasaki, or the preparations to use the bomb on Hanoi or on the Egyptians in 1973 power is merely corruption and there is no limit to the absolute power that government claims for itself in the name of the State, the Crown and even the people who are made subjects to the Queen.

This realization is now travelling through the entire society and will not cease until the need for a revolution is obvious. Government must be destroyed so as to survive.

PROTEST, RESIST and EXIST.

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# CANADA

MILITARY MANEUVERS
IN ALBERTA

CAMP WAINWRIGHT, Alberta--More than 4000 military vehicles from across Canada have arrived in Alberta to be used in "Rendezvous '85", a division-level war game that will last two months and will bring 13000 armed forces personel and about 90 aircraft.

This military exercise is the largest that Canada has seen since the summer of 1943. The exercises include, "combat exercises-training in advance, attack, defence and withdrawel." "But much of the exercise is aimed at giving officers practise in moving thousands of troops across long distances."

Three squadrons of U.S. aircraft and one U.S. infantry battalion tank force are also taking part. The camp will split into opposing forces to practise attack and defence techniques. These training exercises are taking place during May, June and possibly part of July.

Heavy-duty training

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS TRUST
US WITH SECERET FILES

CALGARY, Alberta--The federal government doesn't want to explain anything in court about how it created data banks holding secerat files on an estimated 1.5 million Canadians.

The justice department is saying the government doesn't have to show that the 19 data banks actually contain only personal files dealing with national affairs, national security or subversion.

LITTON ATTACK GETS NINE YEARS

TORONTO, Ont.--Brent Taylor of the group Direct Action pleaded guilty on March 19th to causing an explosion likely to cause property damage. Brent recieved 9 years to be served concurrently with the 22 years he is already serving in Millhaven prison.

The Litton bombing caused $3.8 million damage to the plant that manufactures guidance systems for the U.S. cruise missiles.

Ten people were injured by the blast. It may not be my place to comment but I feel that the premature explosion was actually set off by higher authority as to discredit direct action as a means of changing these things that threaten our survival.

U.S. MISSILE FRIGATE
VISITING CANADA

The U.S. navy guided-missile frigate USS Stark will spend two months cruising the Great Lakes this summer. It will visit 14 ports, four of them Canadian, in a combined training-recruiting deployment.

The cruise will be the vessel's eighth such annual journey by a navy combat ship. The Stark is one of the navy's newest of the 95 frigates having been commissioned in 1982.

The 138-metre (453-foot) vessel is equipped with a variety of missiles, torpedoes and guns. The Navy said, "The cruise provides an opportunity for the ship's crew to train in restricted waterway ship handling," also they said "Such training prepares the ship for transiting tough navigational areas worldwide like the Panama Canal."

# INTERNATIONAL

2 BOMBS DESTROY SWITZERLAND
ALUMINUM FACTORY

MARTIGNY-VILLE, Switzerland--On March 19th two bomb explosions 15 minutes apart tore through a Swiss aluminum factory in this Rhone Valley town causing an estimated damage of $5.4 million. There were no injuries.

A previously unknown group "Valais Group Against Hydro-Rhone" took responsibility for the blasts at the Martigny Aluminum Works.

Hydro-Rhone is a $310 million project by utility companies to harness the Rhone River for electricity. The explosions destroyed five electric transformers and the factory's electronic control system.

7 BOMBS ROCK BUSINESS
IN PORTUGAL

LISBON, Portugal--On March 11th seven bombs explosions rocked French, West German and British businesses in Lisbon and the centeral city of Evora causing extensive damage. There were no injuries.

The group "The Popular Forces of April 25" took responsibility for the bombings.

BOMBS HIT RIGHT-WING NEWSPAPER

PARIS, France--On April 14th bombs damaged the Paris office of the right-wing weekly newspaper Minute, the bombs also damaged a power transformer in Toulouse in the southwest of France. There were no injuries.

The group "Action Directe" took responsibility for the bombings.

# U.S.

FOUR PROTESTERS JAILED FOR UP TO 18 YEARS
FOR DAMAGING U.S. MISSILE INSTALLATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--Four nuclear arms protesters were convicted on February 22nd, 1985, of using a jackhammer to damage a Minuteman II missile silo. A federal jury found the four men guilty of consipiracy, destruction of government property and national defence materials and trespassing.

U.S. Judge D. Brook Barlett sentenced Carl Kabat and Woodson to 18 years in prison each. He sentenced Paul Kabat to 10 years in prison and Cloud-Morgan to 8 years. All four were ordered to pay $2,932.81 in restitution.

The four admitted they rented an air-diven jackhammer, drove to missile silo site N-5 near Higginsville, Mo. on November 12, and broke into the site, where they cut power cables, smashed electrical connections, damaged detection equipment and chipped concreate on the 10-ton silo lid.

REVOLUTIONARIES FOUND "GUILTY" BY
JURORS IN U.S. FEDERAL TRIAL

NEWARK, N.J.--On March 17th a U.S. federal jury found revolutionaries, Susan Lisa Rosenberg and Timothy Blunk, guilty of eight counts each of possessing explosives, weapons and fake identification cards.

The defendants, both New York residents, were arrested last November 29th, at a rental storage bin in Cherry Hill that contained explosives, weapons and thousands of counterfeit identification cards, including those for New Jersey state police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Susan Rosenberg was sought by the police for a $1.6 million Brink's robbery that took place in N.Y. in 1981. She was also sought for the 1979 prison escape of Joanne Chesimard, a Black Liberation Army leader.

Both are defending themselves and face fines, and a maximum of 55 years in prison at their sentencing. In a prepared statement they said, "We are not suprised by this verdict, but there was no victory here for the U.S. government. The truth that revolutionary resistance fighters were defending the worldwide anti-colonial and anti-imperialist peoples and nations was clear." In closing arguments the defendants told the court that they were fighting against United States Imperialism. "We are not criminals," Susan Rosenberg told jury. "We are revolutionaries."

Autorities say Mr. Blunk is a member of the May 19 Movement, an off-shoot of the radical Weather Underground.

UNITED FREEDOM FRONT

NEW YORK, N.Y.--Seven alleged members of the United Freedom Front, were indicted by a U.S. federal grand jury on March 12 1985, for exploding 10 bombs in the New York area over the last two years.

These attacks were directed towards military facilities or offices of large corporations including IBM, South African Airways, General Electric, and Union Carbide. The Union Carbide bombing was the last bomb attack before the arrest, (for communique see R.N. number 3).

Two of the indicted are still at large.

On March 25th the five people arrested for the bombings went to their arraignment which erupted into Brooklyn Federal marshals using battery-powered "stun guns" on three of the defendants.

The incident happened when Barbara Curzi (one of the defendants) was to enter a plea, but instead she began to read a coy of a statement that they had prepared. As Judge Glasser told her to make her plea, she continued to read the statement. The Judge then ordered her removed from the courtroom.

As some of the dozen or so deputy marshals began pushing her towards a door, another of the defendants Patricia Gros began reading a copy of the statement. She was ordered taken from the courtroom and as the deputy marshals began to do so, Jaan Karl Laaman began reading a copy.

This is when the marshals used the 5000 volt, 6 inch long "stun guns", as part of so called "necessary force" to remove the three from the courtroom.

Several defence lawyers said the marshals had used "unnecessary force" against the defendants who were "trying to exercise their freedom of speech". One of the lawyers said the three had been injured. None of the marshals were injured.

In all of the ten bomb attacks there were no injuries. The Marshals bring in the devices "only when they think there is a good chance of disturbances." The following is the statement that they tried to read in court.

There is no justice for oppressed people in Amerika. Not when killer cops murder with impunity. There is no justice as long as an occupation army of police terrorists attacks Third World communities. There is no justice in the murders of Clifford Glover, Michael Stewart and Eleanor Bumpurs by terrorists wearing the uniform of the N.Y.C. police department. There has been no justice for revolutionaries and activists shot dead and murdered by police agents; Mtyari Shabaki Sundiata, Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, L.D. Barkley, Sam Melville, Joe Stunz, Anna Mae Aquash, Twyman Myers, Fred hampton, George Jackson and Zayd Malik Shakur to name but a few of those who have made the supreme sacrifice in fighting against the ravages of national oppression and U.S. imperialism.

Oppressed people and nations not only have a right to organize with arms and defend themselves, they have a right to wage war on a government that is guilty of national oppression and trampling on human rights. There have been many attacks on u.s. imperialism here in the U.S. Armed clandestine organizations have attacked the U.S. capitol, the south african consulate and airways, IBM, union carbide, general electric, israeli aircraft industry, the war college, military facilities, the N.Y. police department and the FBI, as well as many others. We support these actions because they are a direct and clear attack against U.S. imperialism and because they advance the necessity to support National Liberation Struggles and self-determination as part of a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement, and because they offer a measure of support to the struggles being waged against the killer cops.

We support these actions because we believe it is absolutely necessary to build armed clandestine organizations as part of a developing strategy and building a revolutionary anti-imperialist resistance movement. If we do not develop the determination and the means to wage armed struggle, we are merely creating a support movement for a revolution others will make, but not a revolutionary movement itself. The armed clandestine organizations give concrete significance to a revolutionary strategy that can defeat U.S. imperialism. There must be a development and movement of forces at all levels, public and clandestine, to challenge U.S. imperialism in crisis. Since the initial massacres of Native-americans, the institution of slavery and racism and executions of revolutionary workers, there has been a clandestine consciousness of one form or another. The government calls it conspiracy. We call it resistance. We are revolutionary anti-imperialists. We are not terrorists or criminals and have committed no crimes.

For up to 10 years the government, using extensive counterinsurgency methods and operations - including the targetting of children - has hunted us and continues its operations against other comrades and organizations. However, during that decade, a clear example has been set of how political fugitives extensively sought, could and still, not only survive, but grow and develop, raise children, and continue and further develop revolutionary work. We have been charged by the U.S. government with enough conspiracy counts to puts us in prison kamps for 115 years each. They are trying to sentence us to a slow death in the isolation units of amerika's federal prison system. They are trying to railroad and criminalize us with their fabricated evidence and propoganda. Since

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Our defence against these government attacks is to put the real terrorists on trial: those who order the indiscriminate bombings of innocent civilians in El Salvador; who organize the contras to carry out their atrocities against the people of Nicaragua; who support the South African fascists; whose corporate profits are extracted from imperialist war, exploitation of the working class, and whose power is built on the backs of starving and oppressed millions of Third World people. We also want to protest our punitive treatment at the hands of government agents and functionaries which began in Cleveland with the abuse of our children, with our being locked down in isolation cells, being chained and shakled in court the use of the stun gun, not to extract a physical exemplar but to punish political prisoners; physical attacks in open court; and the continued lockdown in solitary confinement of the five of us, a policy that has continued to this day.

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# FREE THE FIVE

VANCOUVER, B.C.--The Vancouver Five Defence Group is in need of funds. Both Julie Belmas and Brent Taylor will be appealing their sentences, and the defence group want to provide them with the best defence possible. But to do this they need to ensure that they have the funds available to do this.

These appeals are as crucial as the original trial and sentencing hearings since it is the last possible time that they can do something about the number of years they may be spending behind bars. Appeals are not mere exercises in futility since there is much reason to hope that these sentences will be reduced.

If you can help out then the address is,

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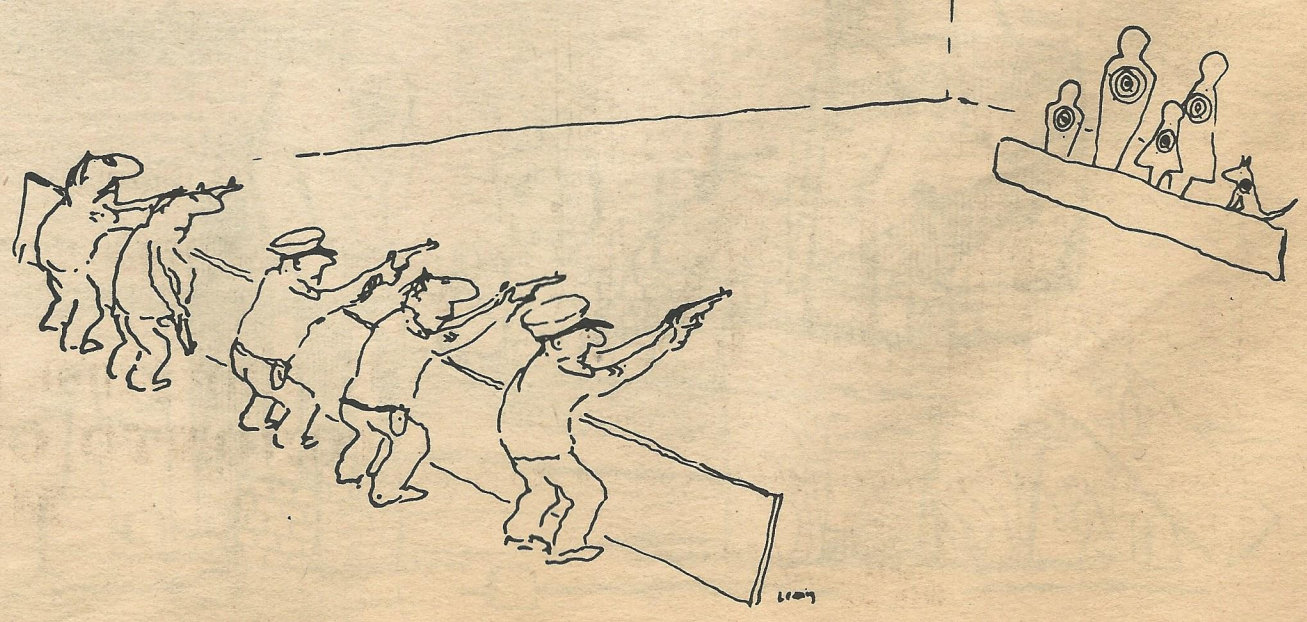

Upon our arrival at MCC on Wednesday, we were locked up in diciplinary cells. We want to extend our support and solidarity to the NY8 & Against Fascist Terrorists. The use of counterinsurgency operations, grand jury supoenas and other acts of repression against these black revolutionaries is a direct attack against the Black Liberation Struggle that must be resisted and opposed by all who support national liberation and socialism. We consider it a priority that progressive/revolutionary organizations and the people commit themselves to the defense of the NY8 and the 'long march for freedom and independance.' We also support and extend our solidarity to anti-imperialist resistance fighters Susan Rosenburg and Tim Blunk, who were railroaded through a mock trial in which they were denied the right to defend themselves and to expose who the real criminals are. We urge people to increase support for them and attend their upcoming sentencing.

Our defense is a continuing attack against U.S. imperialism. We extend our support and solidarity to all those who have refused to collaborate with the grand juries and to our comerades in the field

The Ohio Five

We, the Political Prisoners currently being held at MCC in New York City, call on all revolutionary and progressive people to actively protest against the U.S. government use of violence and torture against the Ohio 5. In particular, when the Ohio 5 tried to read a statement at their arraignment in a Brooklyn federal court on Monday, March 25, they were physically attacked with stun guns and blackjacks by U.S. Marshalls and MCC personnel. All movement inside the prison was halted for over an hour while Ray (Lavasseur) was worked over. He was beaten by one U.S. Marshall and MCC Lieutentant Gonzalez and Unit Counselor Vega, as several MCC correctional officers stood by, including CMC (Central Monitoring Case) Officer Brachman. Ray was then denied medical treatment by MCC personnel.

The Ohio 5 have been the target of death threats since their arrest. The Ohio 5 were told they'd "better stop worrying about beatings and start worrying about getting shot." The experience of the Black Liberation Struggle with the murder of Black Liberation Army combatant Mtyari Shabaka Sundiata, and the torture of New Afrikan Prisoner of War Sekou Odinga; and the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War is all the evidence we need that these are not idle threats. These attacks against the Ohio 5 take place in a context of systematic and continuous efforts to isolate, set up and destroy political prisoners and POWs across the country.

Signed all the political prisoners in M.C.C.

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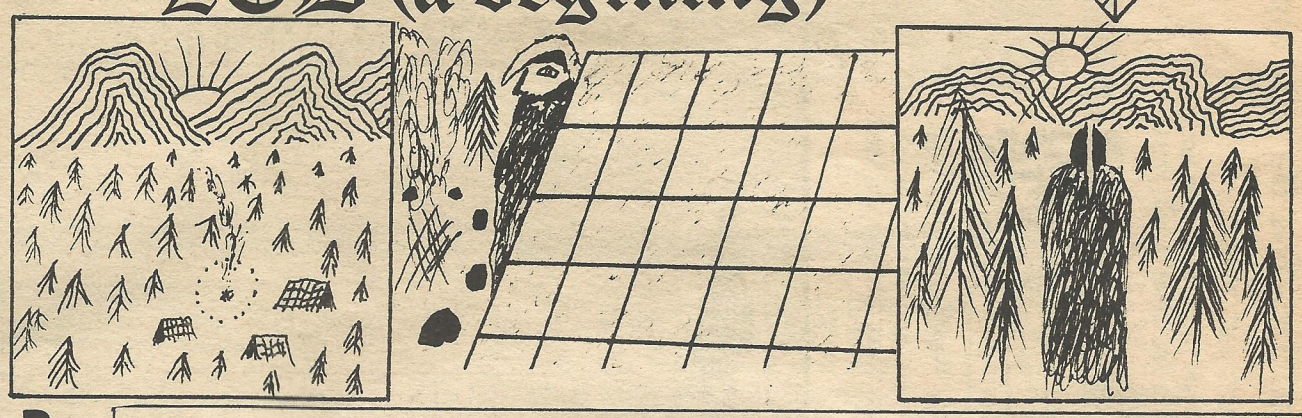

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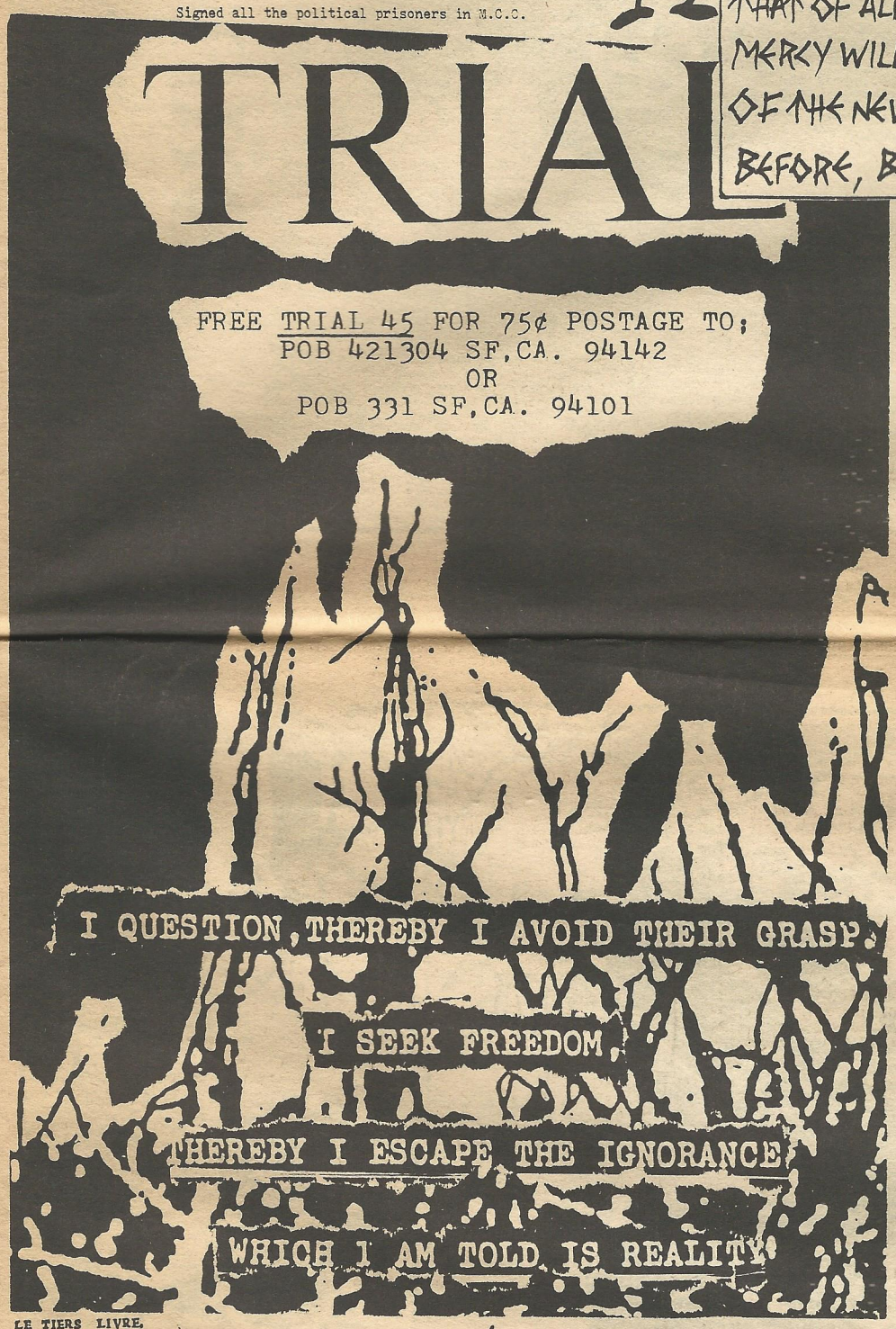


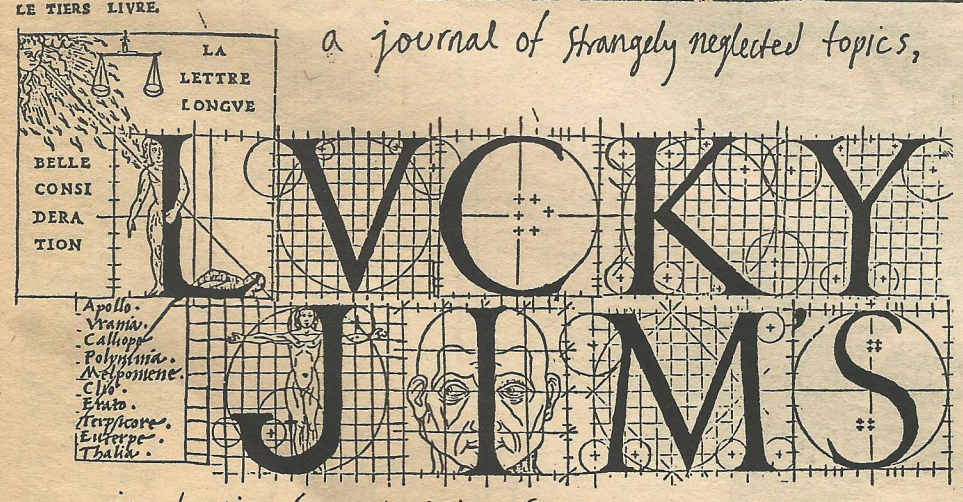


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